5 Ways You Can Support Indie Games

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#XAIndieLovers: 5 ways you can really support indie games

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How many indie games lovers are out there? I am sure there are a lot!

Last summer, we launched an #XAIndieLovers blog posts series featuring some of our favorite titles from Xbox Game Pass, but what can we concretely do in our everyday lives to really support indie games and devs?

It might sound obvious, but community plays a key role in supporting indie studios and eventually helping them create a healthy future for indie games.

So, what are five easy ways to help them?

1. Spread the voice
   As simple as it sounds, this means telling everyone about how much you love that specific game and why you love it. Indie games often find creative ways to explore their stories – it might be in terms of scripting, or aesthetic or gameplay: limited resources are often compensated with a fearless ability to explore

I can name titles like *The Artful Escape*, *Lost Words: Beyond the Page* or *Nobody Saves the World* to just give you a few examples.

Leverage your social networks to let everybody knows!
Bonus: do not forget to tag/mention devs and publishers: it will help them gain some traction.

2. Report bugs or glitches
Quality takes time and resources. But even the best quality tests and QA teams might miss something. Please do not go and complain on some social media account about the bugs, instead properly report them: if the bugs you encountered are systematic, list the steps to reproduce them and in general provide all the details to help solve and track them.

3. Interact with devs and studios
   It is not that difficult to get in touch with studios, publishers and devs who work on indie games. Many of them have a social media presence (on Twitter mainly) and are eager to interact with their audiences.
   Show your appreciation for their work!
   Just remember, when interacting with the team members: those are their personal accounts, be respectful.
   Many publishers and studios also have their own Discord servers: it's a great way to share the fun with the community and get in touch with the creators of your favorite indie games.
4. Share in-game content
   A picture is worth a thousand words, right? Share yours to show everybody the great game you are enjoying, upload your gameplay to YouTube…whatever you can do to show how valuable that indie title is.
   5. Join the ID@Xbox Discord server
   Did you know that ID@Xbox has an amazing Discord server? Join it today and keep the conversation going!

Finally, what are your favorite indie games?
Do you ever get in touch with indie games devs, studios, publishers?

And do you have any other best practices to share to support indie games? We would like to hear it in the comments or on Twitter with the #XAIndieLovers hashtag. GG!